

Today's News - June 21, 2002

In the interest of fairness (or is it confusion?), there are two articles regarding the fate of 2 Columbus Circle, Edward Durell Stone's 1964 white windowless wonder (or, as some would have it, blunder). The bidding factions included those who want it landmarked, and those who call it "ugly as hell." Whatever the American Craft Museum chooses to do, it's better than having it stand empty as it has since 1988, and will be a most welcome addition to the neighborhood that includes SOM's AOL Time Warner Center (under construction), the Central Park gateway, and Trumps' feng shui'd copper glass-clad International Hotel and Tower. The confusion: the NY Times reports that the museum will spend \$30 million, and the NY Daily News says \$10 million (the architect has not been selected). Either way - and however much glass - it will certainly add class.

In addition to other serious news and commentary - and for your weekend listening pleasure - we have included BBC's link to audio expoundings by Walter Gropius, Denys Lasdun, Le Corbusier, Richard Rogers, and James Stirling. Enjoy!

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[Museum to Columbus Circle: American Craft tops Trump](#)- NY Daily News

[2 Columbus Circle Will Be a Museum Again](#)- New York Times

[Museum district banking on light rail to add visitors](#)- Houston Chronicle

[Middlebury College \[Vermont\] recycles paper — and its old buildings](#)- Environmental News Network

[Wilkinson Eyre and Chapman Taylor get green light for Bath scheme: £150 million redevelopment of the Southgate area](#)- The Architects' Journal (UK)

[The perils of thoughtless design: Good projects take bad turns when their designers forget about the people who will use them.](#)- Baltimore Sun

[Minerva plans biggest office building in London - Nicholas Grimshaw and Partners \[image\]](#)- Ananova

[Big, Bigger, Biggest: The Supersize Suburb: Nowhere is the hypertrophy of the American house more concentrated than in the elite suburbs of Washington, DC](#)- New York Times

[Living in past: New Urbanism catches on: South Florida communities embrace development design](#)- Miami Herald

[Commentary: Lynch mob planning strangles architects...a recipe for mediocrity](#)- The Scotsman

[It's architecture week, so why not listen to some of the granddaddies of design?](#)- BBC

[Township plan for Homebush: \\$100 million "kids' quarter" theme park and major retailing outlets for Sydney Olympic Park have been shelved...](#)- Australian Financial Review

[One-North Technopolis construction from Sept.: 1.3m sq ft development...first work-live development in New Economy hub](#)- Asia One (Singapore)

[Stanec acquires English Harper Reta Architects of Sacramento and Site Consultants Inc. based in Columbia SC.](#)- Stockhouse

[Chinese University of Hong Kong Department of Architecture has proposed...joint university research programme focusing on environmentally sustainable design, planning strategies, urban conservation, property development and architectural advancement](#)- China Daily

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